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## **SAN CLEMENTE BORDER PATROL CHECKPOINT TAKE \$288,605 OF ILLICIT REVENUE FROM NARCOTICS TRAFFICERS**

**San Diego, California:** Quivering hands and wandering eyes were the downfall for a 44 year old man who attempted to smuggle 26.4 pounds of cocaine through the San Clemente Checkpoint over the weekend. This individual, a United States Citizen, approached the San Clemente Border Patrol Checkpoint driving a black 2001 Pontiac Grand Prix. The individual was referred to secondary inspection where his nervousness and inability to hold on to his driver's license led Border Patrol Agents to conduct an external sniff with a Service K-9. The dog led agents to 10 bundles of cocaine located in side panel compartments of the trunk that had been altered for use in smuggling. In total, the 26.4 pounds of cocaine is valued at \$264,000. The cocaine, vehicle and individual were remanded to the custody of the North County Task Force.

The San Clemente Checkpoint also made another seizure this weekend when they inspected a north bound commuter bus and found 70.3 pounds of marijuana. During an immigration inspection Border Patrol Agents were alerted to two individuals who were visibly nervous and travelling together. During questioning, the stories of the two individuals were not consistent and a consensual K-9 sniff was conducted on the luggage. The Service K-9 alerted on the bag that belonged to one of the two individuals being questioned and yielded \$24,605 in marijuana. Both individuals and the marijuana were turned over to the North County Task Force.